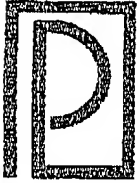


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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 2, line 7, after "A" and before "rigid" insert --hacksaw frame assembly comprises--;

line 13, replace "A" with --The hacksaw frame assembly further comprises a--;

line 14, delete "is provided";

line 20, after "relative" and before "movement" insert --tensioning--;

line 21, replace "and" with ---;

line 22, delete in its entirety;